# SUBALGEBRAS OF DISTRIBUTIVE AND COMMUTATIVE SEMIGROUPS

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Let  $A = (A; \Omega)$  be an arbitrary  $\Omega$ —algebra. Say that A is a *subalgebra of a semigroup* S(.) if  $A \subseteq S$  and there exists a mapping  $\omega \to \overline{\omega}$  from  $\Omega$  in S, such that:

(1) 
$$\omega(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n) = \overline{\omega} \cdot a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot \ldots \cdot a_n$$

for every  $\omega \in \Omega(n)$ ,  $a_1 a_2 \dots$ ,  $a_n \in A(\Omega(i))$  stands for the all i-ary operators in  $\Omega$ ).

In this note we are dealing with the class of subalgebras of distributive and commutative semigroups, i.e. the semigroups satisfying the identities:

$$(2) x \cdot y = y \cdot x$$

$$(3) x \cdot y z = x^2 \cdot y \cdot z$$

Denote the variety of the distributive and commutative semigroups by  $\mathcal{D}_e$  and by  $\mathcal{D}_e(\Omega)$  the class of subalgebras of the semigroups belonging to  $\mathcal{D}_e \cdot \mathcal{D}_e$  ( $\Omega$ ) is a quasivariety ([1], p. 274). Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be the class of distributive semigroups, i.e. the semigroups satisfying the identities  $x \cdot y \cdot z = x \cdot y \cdot x \cdot z$  and  $x \cdot y \cdot z = x \cdot z \cdot y \cdot z$ . The class  $\mathcal{D}(\Omega)$  of the  $\Omega$ -subalgebras of the semigrops in  $\mathcal{D}$  is a variety iff (if and only if)  $|\Omega \setminus \Omega(0)| = 1$  ([2]). The fact that  $\mathcal{D}_e(\Omega)$  is a subcalss of  $\mathcal{D}(\Omega)$  can not be used directly in order to conclude whether  $\mathcal{D}_e(\Omega)$  is, or is not a variety. Namely, we shall show in this notice that  $\mathcal{D}_e(\Omega)$  is always a variety and it is well known that every algebra is a subalgebra of some semigroup ([3]).

Let  $\zeta$  be an  $\Omega$ -term, or a term interpretation in a certain algebra. Then  $\hat{\zeta}$  will stand for the set of symbols occurring in  $\zeta$  and  $|\zeta|$  for the length of  $\zeta$ .

Using the last notation we can determine the complete system of identites in  $\mathcal{D}_c$  in a rather simple manner:  $\zeta = \eta$  is an identity (valid) in  $\mathcal{D}_c$  iff  $\hat{\zeta} = \hat{\eta}$  and  $|\zeta|$ ,  $|\eta| \ge 3$ , or it is a trivial one.

Let us state the following easy-to-check properties:

**Proposition 1.**  $\mathfrak{D}_{c}(\Omega)$  is a variety iff  $\mathfrak{D}_{c}(\Omega \setminus \Omega(0))$  is a variety.

**Proposition 2.**  $\zeta = \eta$  is an identity in  $\mathfrak{D}_{0}(\Omega)$  iff  $\hat{\zeta} = \hat{\eta}$  and  $|\zeta|, |\eta| \geqslant 3$ , or it is a trivial one.

The first property enables us to suppose that  $\Omega$  (o) =  $\emptyset$ .

Let the algebra  $\mathbf{A} = (A; \Omega)$  satisfy the identities in  $\mathfrak{D}_{c}(\Omega)$  and let  $\overline{\Omega} = \{\overline{\omega} \mid \omega \in \Omega\}$  be a set disjointed from the set A, its elements satisfying the implication  $\overline{\omega} = \overline{\tau} \Rightarrow \omega = \overline{\tau}$ . Let  $S(\cdot)$  be the free semigroup in  $\mathfrak{D}_{c}$  generated by the set  $A \cup \overline{\Omega}$ . If  $u_{1}, u_{2} \in S$ , we say that  $u_{1}$  and  $u_{2}$  are neighbours (that is  $u_{1}$  is a neighbour to  $u_{2}$  and vice versa) if  $u_{1} = \ldots a \ldots$  and  $u_{2} = \ldots \omega \cdot a_{1} \cdot a_{2} \cdot \ldots \cdot a_{n} \cdot \ldots$  where  $\omega \in \Omega$  (n) and  $\omega$  ( $a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots, a_{n}$ ) = a. We denote this by  $(u_{1}, \omega, u_{2})$  or by  $(u_{2}, \omega, u_{1})$ . The fact that  $u_{i}$  and  $u_{i+1}$  are neighbours for every  $i \in \{1, 2, \ldots, m-1\}$  is designated by  $(u_{1}, \omega_{2}, u_{2}, \omega_{3}, u_{3}, \ldots, \omega_{m}, u_{m})$  being clear the meaning of the operators  $\omega_{2}, \omega_{3}, \ldots, \omega_{m}$ . Now, let  $\approx$  stand for the reflexive and transitive extension of the relation of neighbourhoodness in  $S(\cdot) \cdot \approx$  is a congruence on  $S(\cdot)$ . Let  $D(\cdot) = S(\cdot)/\approx$ . We shall show that the origin algebra A is a subalgebra of the semigroup  $D(\cdot) \in \mathfrak{D}_{c}$ , this fact being independent on the signature  $\Omega$ . There by we can conclude that  $A \in \mathfrak{D}_{c}(\Omega)$  and moreover, that  $\mathfrak{D}_{c}(\Omega)$  is a variety defined by

all identities  $\xi = \eta$  for  $\xi = \eta$  and  $|\xi|$ ,  $|\eta| \ge 3$ . It will be convenient an element  $s \in S(.)$  to stand for the class  $s \in D(.)$  as well, being clear from the context which of the cases is applied. Now, it is easy to see that  $\omega(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n) = a$  in A implies that  $\omega \cdot a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot \ldots \cdot a_n = a$  in D(.) for any  $\omega \in \Omega(n)$ ,  $n \in N$  and  $a_1$ ,  $a_2, \ldots, a_n \in A$ . It remains to check out whether the implication

$$(4) a \approx b \Rightarrow a = b$$

s satisfied for any  $a, b \in A$ .

So, let  $a \approx b$ , i.e. there is a sequence  $u_0, u_1, \ldots, u_t$   $(t \ge 0)$  of elements in S, such that

(\*) 
$$(a = u_0, \omega_1, u_1, \omega_2, \ldots, \omega_t, u_t = b)$$

The number of appearances of the operators in (\*) is a distance between a and b, denoted by d(a, b).

Let  $U = \bigcup_{i=0}^{t} \hat{u}_i$  and W be the set of the all operators occurring in (\*).

1°. Let 
$$W \subseteq \Omega(1)$$
.

**Proposition 3.** Let  $e \in A$ , W' be an arbitrary subset of W and  $\omega^{-1}(e) \neq \emptyset$ , for every  $\omega \in W'$ . Then  $\{\omega(e); \omega \in W'\}$  is an one-element set.

**Proof.** Let  $\omega, \tau, \in W'$  and  $\omega(e) = v$ . We have:  $\tau(e) = \tau \omega(c_1) = \tau \omega(c_1) = \tau \omega(c_1) = \tau \omega(e) = \tau \omega(e) = \omega \tau(e) = \omega \tau(c_2) = \omega \tau(c_2) = \omega(e) = v$ .

**Proposition 4.** Let  $i \in \{0, 1, \ldots, t\}$  and  $d \in A \cap \hat{u_i}$ . Then  $a = \omega_i \omega_{i_2} \ldots \omega_{i_s}$  (d) for some  $i_1, i_2, \ldots, i_s \in \{1, 2, \ldots, i\}$ , or a = d (Simmetrically,  $b = \omega_{j_1} \omega_{j_2} \ldots \omega_{j_r}(d)$  for some  $j_1, j_2, \ldots, j_r \in \{i+1, i+2, \ldots, t\}$ , or b = d).

Proof. First, exclude this case:

$$(a = u_0, \omega_1, \overline{\omega_1} a_1, \omega_1, a, \omega_3, \overline{\omega_3} a_3, \omega_3, a, \ldots).$$

Namely, then we have immediately: d=a, of  $a=\omega_i(d)$  for  $d\in A\cap \hat{u_i}$ ,  $1\leqslant i\leqslant t$ .

Otherwise,  $u_n = \overline{\omega_{i_2}} \overline{\omega_{i_1}} a'$  and  $a = \omega_{i_2} \omega_{i_1}(a')$  for some  $i_1, i_2, 1 \le i_1 < < i_2 \le t - 2$ . Moreover,  $\omega_{i_1}(a) = \omega_{i_2}(a) = a$ , and by Proposition 3,  $\omega_{i_1}(a) = a$  for every  $\omega_{i_2} \in W$ , such that  $\omega_{i_1}^{-1}(a) \neq \emptyset$ .

Now, if  $d \in A \cap \hat{u}_0$ , then d = a. If  $d \in A \cap \hat{u}_1$ , then  $\omega_1(d) = a$ . Let the statement in the proposition be true for the elements  $u_0, u_1, \ldots, u_{k-1}$ . The corelation between the elements  $u_{k-1}$  and  $u_k$  is described by one of the following cases:

(a) 
$$u_{k-1} = \ldots \overline{\omega_k} c \ldots$$
,  $u_k = \ldots d \ldots$ ,  $\omega_k(c) = d$ 

(b) 
$$u_{k-1} = \ldots c \ldots$$
,  $u_k = \ldots \overline{\omega_k} d \ldots$ ,  $c = \omega_k (d)$ .

By the hypothesis,  $\omega_{k_1}\omega_{k_2}\ldots\omega_{k_s}(c)=a$  for some  $k_1,k_2,\ldots,k_s\in\{1,2,\ldots,k-1\}$  or c=a. If (b) then  $a=\omega_{k_1}\omega_{k_2}\ldots\omega_{k_s}\omega_{k}$  (d) or  $a=\omega_k$  (d). Let (a) be applied. Then  $\omega_k=\omega_j$  for some j< k. Let i be the minimal number such that  $\omega_k=\omega_i$ . Then,  $u_{i-1}=\ldots c'\ldots,u_i=\ldots\overline{\omega_i}d'\ldots\omega_i$  (d') = c'. By the hypothesis,  $\omega_{i_1}\omega_{i_2}\ldots\omega_{i_r}(c')=a$  for some  $i_1,i_2,\ldots,i_r< i$  or c'=a. So  $\omega_{i_1}\omega_{i_2}\ldots\omega_{i_r}\omega_i$  (d') = a or  $\omega_i$  (d') = a and certainly  $\omega_i^{-1}(a)\neq\emptyset$ . There by  $a=\omega_i$  (a) =  $\omega_k$  (a) =  $\omega_k$   $\omega_{k_1}\omega_{k_2}\ldots\omega_{k_s}(c)=\omega_{k_s}\omega_{k_s}\ldots\omega_{k_s}(d)$  or  $a=\omega_i$  (a) =  $\omega_k$  (b) = d.

**Proposition 5.** If  $\omega \in W$ , then  $\omega^{-1}(a) \neq \emptyset$ .

**Proof.** Let  $W = \{\omega_{i_1}, \omega_{i_2}, \ldots, \omega_{i_s}\}$ . It is clear that  $s \leqslant k$ . Let  $1 \leqslant j \leqslant s$ ,  $1 \leqslant r \leqslant k$  and r be the minimal number such that  $\omega_{i_j} = \omega_r$ .

Then  $u_{r-1} = \ldots c \ldots u_r = \ldots \omega_r d \ldots$  and  $\omega_r (d) = c$ . By Proposition 4,  $a = \omega_{i_1} \omega_{i_2} \ldots \omega_{i_m} (c) = \omega_r \omega_{i_1} \omega_{i_2} \ldots \omega_{i_m} (d) = \omega_{i_j} \omega_{i_1} \omega_{i_2} \ldots \omega_{i_m} (d)$ , or  $a = c = \omega_{i_j} (d)$ .

Now, in order to prove that a = b we can use an induction on the distance between a and b. If d(a, b) = 0, trivialy a = b. If  $d(a, b) \ge 1$  then  $d(a, b) \ge 2$  If d(a, b) = 2 we have  $(a, \omega_1, \omega_1, \omega_1, b)$  and clearly a = b Let a = b for d(a, b) < t. We have two posibilities:

- i)  $(a, \omega_1, \overline{\omega_1}a_1, \omega_1, a_1, \ldots)$
- ii)  $(a, \omega_1, \overline{\omega}_1 a_1, \omega_2, \overline{\omega}_1 \overline{\omega}_2 a_2, \ldots)$

If i), then apply the inductive hypothesis.

If ii), then  $\omega_1(a) = \omega_2(a) = a$ . By the Propositions 5. and 3.  $\omega(a) = a$  for every  $\omega \in W$ . By Proposition 4.,  $\omega_{i_1} \omega_{i_2} \dots \omega_{i_k}(a) = b$  for some  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k \leq t$ . So  $a = \omega_{i_1} \omega_{i_2} \dots \omega_{i_k}(a) = b$ .

**2°.**  $W \subseteq \Omega(1)$ , i.e.  $\Omega \cap W \neq \Omega(1)$ .

Previously we ought to define ",value" of some of the elements in  $D(\cdot)$ .

Let  $u \in D(\cdot)$ ,  $u = \omega_1 \ \omega_2 \dots \omega_k \ a_1 a_2 \dots a_m$ ,  $|u| \ge 3$  and at least one of the operators  $\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_k$  (supose  $\omega_1$ ) does not belong to  $\Omega(1)$  (here u stands for the class  $u^{\approx}$ ). Value of the element u, designed by [u], is the element  $\omega_1^r \omega_2 \dots \omega_k \ (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{m-1}, a_m^s)$ , where r and s are any positive integers such that  $\omega_1^r \omega_2 \dots \omega_k x_1 x_2 \dots x_m^s$  is an  $\Omega$ -term, Further, if  $\omega_1 \omega_2 \dots \omega_k x_1 x_2 \dots x_m$  is an arbitrary  $\Omega$ -term, then the value of the element  $u = \omega_1 \omega_2 \dots \omega_k a_1 a_2 \dots a_m \in D(\cdot)$  is the element

$$[u] = \omega_1 \, \omega_2 \dots \omega_k \, (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m).$$

It can be easily seen that:

**Proposition 6.** The value is a well defined mapping from a subset of D in the set A:

**Proposition 7.** If  $(u_1, \omega_1, u_2)$ ,  $u_1$  has a value and  $u_2$  has a value then  $[u_1] = [u_2]$ .

Similarly, if  $\omega_k \in \Omega(m)$ ,  $m \ge 2$ ,  $i \le k \le t$  and  $\omega_j \in \Omega(1)$  for j > k, then  $[u_k] = b$ .

Let 
$$u_k = \ldots \overline{\omega_k} \cdot d_1 \cdot d_2 \cdot \ldots \cdot d_m \cdot \ldots \cdot \omega_k \in \Omega(m)$$
. We have:  

$$(u_i = \overline{\omega_i} c_1 \ldots c_n u_i, \omega_{i+1}, \overline{\omega_i} c_1 \ldots c_n u_{n+1}, \ldots, \ldots, \overline{\omega_i} c_1 \ldots c_n u_k = \overline{\omega_i} c_1 \ldots c_n \overline{\omega_k} d_1 \ldots d_m u_k, \omega_k, \overline{\omega_i} c_1 \ldots c_n \overline{\omega_k} d_1 \ldots d_m u_k = \overline{\omega_k} d_1 \ldots d_m u_k, \omega_{k+1}, \overline{\omega_k} d_1 \ldots d_m u_{k+1}, \ldots, \overline{\omega_k} d_1 \ldots d_m u_k = u_k).$$
We have:

Again, by Proposition 7.,  $[u_j] = [u_k]$ . Thus, finaly a = b and  $A \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{c}}(\Omega)$ .

Thus we have proved the following theorem:

**Theorem.** The class of subalgebras of the distributive and commutative semigroups is a variety defined by the all identities  $\zeta = \eta$  for  $\hat{\zeta} = \hat{\eta}$  and  $|\zeta|, |\eta| \ge 3$ .

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## ПОДАЛГЕБРИ ОД ДИСТРИБУТИВНИ И КОМУТАТИВНИ ПОЛУГРУПИ

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## Резиме

Алгебрата  $A=(A;\Omega)$  е подалгебра од полугрупата  $S(\cdot)$  ако  $A\subseteq S$  и ако за секоја n-арна  $(n\geqslant 0)$  операција  $\omega\in\Omega$  постои елемент  $\omega\in S$  така што  $\omega$   $(a_1,a_2,\ldots,a_n)=\overline{\omega\cdot a_1\cdot a_2\cdot\ldots\cdot a_n}$ . Нека со  $\mathfrak{D}_{\mathcal{C}}$  ја означиме многукратноста на дистрибутивни комутативни полугрупи, т.е. класата полугрупи дефинирана со идентитете  $x\cdot y=y\cdot x$  и  $x\cdot y\cdot z=x^2\cdot y\cdot r$ . Покажана е следнава

Теорема. Класата алгебри во произволен јазик, кои се подалгебри од полугрупи во  $\mathfrak{D}_{c}$ , е многукратност дефинирана со сите идентитети  $\zeta = \eta$  такви што  $\zeta$  има иста содржина како и  $\eta$  и  $\zeta$  и  $\eta$  имаат должини не помали од 3.